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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ETHIOPIAN LABOR
SITUATION

1. EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA RECEIVED TELEX SEPT 3 FROM J. V. KNIGHT OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF ARABIAN-AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (ARAMCO) REQUESTING INFORMATION REGARDING LOCAL LABOR SITUATION. ARAMCO STATED THAT THE COMPANY NEEDED TO RECRUIT ONE THOUSAND NON-AMERICAN, NON-SAUDI EMPLOYEES TO INCREASE ITS STAFF IN SAUDI ARABIA. ARAMCO ASKED FOR A READING OF THE LOCAL LABOR MARKET FOR SEVERAL TYPES OF SKILLED WORKERS.

2. AS WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR US TO BEGIN ANY RESEARCH ON LOCAL LABOR MARKET BEFORE RECEIVING INDICATION FROM EPMG THAT WORKERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ABROAD, WE REQUESTED THE EPMG MINISTRY OF LABOR FOR A STATEMENT OF EPMG POLICY ON THIS MATTER. MINISTRY ASKED FOR

LETTERGIVING COMPLETE DETAILS BEHIND ARAMCO REQUEST. WE HAVE SENT SUCH A LETTER AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT A COMMITTEE MUST MEET TO DETERMINE RESPONSE.

3. OUR ORIGINAL CONTACT AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR HAS NOW GONE ON LEAVE FOR A WEEK. AS THERE WILL PROBABLY BE FURTHER DELAYS IN OBTAINING STATEMENT OF EPMG POLICY IN THIS MATTER, REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM ARAMCO OF THE SITUATION.

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4. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPIES OF TELEX AND OUR LETTER TO
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